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FOLLOWING MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY ROGERS HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CONCERNING THE HELMAND WATERS AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED BETWEEN IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN:

QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I HAVE RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLEASURE YOUR HONOURABLE'S MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN REGARDING THE DIVISION OF WATERS OF THE HIRMAND RIVER. IT IS PARTICULARLY A SOURCE OF GRATIFICATION FOR US THAT A QUESTION WHICH HAD DIVIDED THE TWO NEIGHBOURS FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS IS FINALLY RESOLVED. THIS, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, IS YET A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE LINE OF FOREIGN POLICY IRAN PURSUES UNDER THE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP OF MY AUGUST SOVEREIGN TO SETTLE ITS DISPUTES WITH ALL NATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS AND NEGOTIATION. SINCERELY, A. A. HOVEYDA UNQUOTE
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